

DESIGNATING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**CHAPTER 984**

H.B. No. 822

AN ACT**relating to designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.111 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.111. SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH. (a) April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month to increase awareness and prevention of sexual assault.

(b) Sexual Assault Awareness Month may be regularly observed through appropriate activities in public schools and other places to increase awareness and prevention of sexual assault.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 20, 2017: Yeas 142, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 15, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

REGULATING THE CUSTODY TRANSFER OF AN ADOPTED CHILD; CREATING A CRIMINAL OFFENSE**CHAPTER 985**

H.B. No. 834

AN ACT**relating to regulating the custody transfer of an adopted child; creating a criminal offense.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 162, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 162.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 162.026. REGULATED CUSTODY TRANSFER OF ADOPTED CHILD. A parent, managing conservator, or guardian of an adopted child may not transfer permanent physical custody of the child to any person who is not a relative or stepparent of the child or an adult who has a significant and long-standing relationship with the child unless:

(1) the parent, managing conservator, or guardian files a petition with a court of competent jurisdiction requesting a transfer of custody; and

(2) the court approves the petition.

SECTION 2. Subchapter G, Chapter 162, Family Code, is amended by adding Section 162.603 to read as follows:

Sec. 162.603. POST-ADOPTION SUPPORT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LICENSED CHILD-PLACING AGENCIES. A licensed child-placing agency shall provide prospective adoptive parents with information regarding:

(1) the community services and other resources available to support a parent who adopts a child; and

(2) the options available to the adoptive parent if the parent is unable to care for the adopted child.